(d) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (d) The generation at the power stations of the National Thermal Power Corporation (N.T.P.C.) is regulated by the Regional Electricity Boards who co-ordinate the overall operations of the regional power grids. A gross energy generation of 28555 million units achieved by the stations of the Corporation during the year 1988-89, as against the target of 28000 million units.

Of the three units commissioned by the NTPC so far at their Anta and Auraiya gas-based power stations, two units are still under trial operation. The allocation of power from these stations between the various beneficiary States/union Territories in the Northern Region has been finalised.

Composition of the office of Development Commissioner (Drugs)

119. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of posts of Assistant Development Commissioners created in the office of the Development Commissioner (Drugs);

(b) what was the purpose for which these posts were sought to be filled and for what purpose these posts were created;

(c) whether these posts are permanent and since when each incumbent is working on these posts;

(d) whether it is a fact that the functions and method of recruitment has been changed;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether it is a fact that his Ministry received certain complaints about these officers; and

(g) if so, what are the relevant details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Two posts of Assistant Development Commissioners were created when the Office of Development Commissioner (Drugs) was set up in 1978-79, for the purpose of handling various technical and non-technical matters at that level, relating to the said Office.

(c) These are temporary posts and their validity is coterminus with the continuance of the office of the Development Commissioner (Drugs). The present incumbents of the two posts are holding these posts since 30th October, 1984 and 27th May, 1986.

(d) and (e) For one of the posts officers approved for appointment as Under Secretary in the Govt. of India are eligible and, therefore, no separate recruitment rules need to be notified for that post. For the other post, the recruitment rules were notified on 13th March, 1986 after approval of the drafts thereof by the Deppt. of Personnel & Administrative Reforms and the U.P.S.C. There has been no modification of the notified recruitment rules.

(f) and (g) Some complaints in connection with the foreign visit of one of the Officers and his family was received and was looked into. Since no irregularity was found, the matter was closed.